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TRAINING COURSES FOR TEA GROWERS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tea Board has prepared a scheme to impart a short-term training course for small tea growers;

(b) if so, the States in which such training courses have been launched as on December 31, 2000; and

(c) the States in which this training course is likely to be launched during 2001-2002 ?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (c): Tea Board in its on-going Small Growers Development Scheme arrange training programme for the benefit of small tea growers through the following agencies:-

1) Assam Agricultural University for the small growers in North-Eastern states.

2) North-Bengal University and the Tea Research Association for the growers in North-Bengal, Bihar & Sikkim.

3) HPKVV under Institute of Himalayan Bio-resource Technology (CSIR) Palampur for the growers in Himachal Pradesh.

4) United Planters Association of Southern India (Krishi Vigyan Kendra) for the small tea growers in South India. A special programme for creating awareness amongst the small growers and bought leaf factories owners has been launched in South India during 2000. The programme is being extended shortly to Assam and North-Bengal.